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- On 30 April 1952, the installations of the Altengrabow (W 53/Z 00) troop training grounds were occupied by about 1,000 to 10,000 soldiers mostly wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or tank insignia, including some with AT insignia and a few with motor transport insignia. [redacted] artillery units as well as tank units had arrived at the troop training grounds during the past two weeks either by rail or by road. 50X1-HUM  
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- On 30 April, 18 x 122-mm or 152-mm field guns were lined up in the artillery parking lot. About 100 trucks arranged in four rows were seen.
- On 30 April, intensive training was seen in the Nordlager. About 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, in groups of about 55 to 60 men marched to the installation carrying small arms and entrenching tools. Trucks [redacted] left the installation. 50X1-HUM  
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- On 30 April, about 32 men were seen training with four 85-mm AT guns south of the filling station of the ammunition depot. Firing of rapid-fire guns which [redacted] were light AA guns was heard during the noon hours, with bursts of from 5 to 6 shots. The firing ceased at about 3 p.m. A captive balloon with a basket was near the former ammunition depot, and it floated at an altitude of between 250 to 300 meters while the firing was going on. 50X1-HUM

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On 30 April, only three sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the little hutment 4 km south of Gross Luebars. No motor vehicle traffic was noticed in the camp. The camp appeared to be vacant. \*

Comment. The arrival chiefly of units of the 6th Arty Div, of the 34th Arty Div (US) and artillery units of the Third Shock Army since 15 April 1952 is confirmed

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by the present information. It appears quite possible that individual small tank units may have participated in the practices as they did in the preceding year. The small hutment 4 km south of Gross Lubars possibly is an ammunition depot.

[redacted] components of the following units are at Altengrabow:

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6th Arty Div  
34th Arty Div (US)  
44th (?) Army Arty Brig  
3d Gds AT Arty Brig (US)  
128th Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div  
4th Gds AAA Div  
234th Mort Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div  
2503d Gds AAA Bn (US)  
12th Gds Recz Div  
932d AAA Bn (US) of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div  
and a unit of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div.

Even for the large number of units, the estimated strength of the unit appears somewhat too high. Between 6,000 to 8,000 soldiers would be more correct.

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